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1. For your information, the following is a letter dated 24 September 1953 from SMOUSE to [ ]

"Your letter advised us of a revision in American policy which now permits Fiend to resume food and article drops to Albania, provided that flights are not made solely for this purpose.

I am asked to draw your attention to the views of this office on the subject of food drops. Some 15 months ago, when sacks of flour were dropped by Fiend into Albania, they were impounded by the security authorities and made the basis of propaganda accusations against the Americans of indulging in bacteriological warfare by dropping poisoned food. We still feel that the West will gain little credit from friendly elements in Albania if containers of food are dropped, the very great majority of which will undoubtedly fall into the hands of the police and provide meals only for the Communist oligarchy.

We are now seeking approval from our Foreign Office to resume drops of "useful articles" but our views on food drops are expressed above and I would be grateful if you would pass these back to your Headquarters."

2. Would Headquarters please forward an expression of its views on the above in order that London may answer SMOUSE's paragraph 2.

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